

PFLAG Madison

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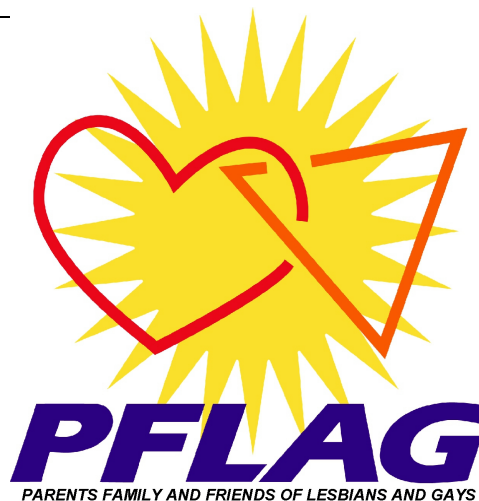
Website: <http://www.pflag-madison.org>

Meeting Place:

Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI

Meeting: 2:00 to 4:00 PM, 3rd Sunday of the month, Sept. to May

National PFLAG Website: <http://www.pflag.org>



Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBTQ People to move equality forward

Support

Education

Advocacy

President: Lora Schmid-Dolan

President-Elect: Susie Murray

Past President: Jeanne Williams

Treasurer: Susie Murray

Board Members: Karen Baker, Joanne Lee, Sandy Feria, Anne Urbanski, and Joann Elder and Frank Roub (emeriti)

NEXT MEETING – September 18

September's meeting will feature Cedric Johnson and Jeanne Schneider from the Briarpatch youth homeless shelter. They will discuss the history of the shelter and population it serves.

Changes to the Board of Directors: Jeanne Williams

Welcome to the newly elected Board of Directors and Chapter officers:

President	Lora Schmid-Dolan
Past-President	Jeanne Williams
President-Elect	Susie Murray
Treasurer	Susie Murray
Executive Board	Karen Baker, Sandy Feria, Joanne Lee, Anne Urbanski and Joann Elder & Frank Roub (emeriti)

Madison PFLAG Membership Reminder

PFLAG memberships run from Oct. 1 - Sept 30th each year. If you have not yet submitted your membership for this upcoming year, please fill out the [membership form](#) and send it along with your dues to Susie Murray, 106 Mary Lou St., Verona, WI, 53593.

On this year's membership form you will find an opportunity to volunteer for ongoing needs as we begin our new year. The entire list of volunteer opportunities is available as a link on our website. [Please check it out](#) and help us keep serving our community. Copies of the list will also be available at the monthly meetings.

Obama names Stonewall 1st national monument for gay rights - from wikipedia

On June 24, 2016, President Barack Obama officially designated the Stonewall National Monument, making it the United States' first National Monument designated for an LGBT historic site. The dedication ceremony was attended by New York City mayor Bill de Blasio; Senator Kirsten Gillibrand; Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell; and the Stonewall Inn's owners. Some attendees saw the dedication as important because the Orlando, Florida, nightclub shooting, which had occurred just two weeks prior to the dedication, had claimed the lives of 49 people, many of them gay Latino Americans. The National Monument status encompasses a

7.7-acre (3.1 ha) area that includes the Stonewall Inn, Christopher Street Park, and the block of Christopher Street bordering the park. The [National Park Foundation](#) formed a new [nonprofit organization](#) to raise \$2 million in funds for a ranger station, visitor center, community activities, and interpretive exhibits for the monument.

If you link to the entire wikipedia article (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stonewall_National_Monument) in one of the pictures you will see statues of two gay couples. The seated couple was once displayed here in Madison, in Orton Park. *Our Lives Magazine* has a history of those statues, in [this article](#).

Community Involvement/Summer Activities

Our summer picnic was held at the home of Karen and Preston Baker.

We had great fun participating in parades over the summer; Mt. Horeb, and the Madison Pride Parade.

We kept with tradition by having our table at the Dane County Farmer's Market every Saturday since early May and will continue through September. Thank you Joe Elder for bringing the supplies to and from the square and thanks to all those who volunteered with these activities.



PFLAG at Farmers' Market - photo by Callen Harty

UW LGBT Center's Resource Fair

Jeanne Williams and Karen Baker represented our chapter at the Sept7th UW LGBT Center's Resource Fair. Hundreds of students and faculty come to this event. Many wide-eyed freshman seem relieved to know that there are parents in the Madison area who love them for their authentic selves! Oh, and there is Babcock ice cream, too!!

PFLAG August Picnic

Our chapter's annual August picnic, hosted by Karen and Preston Baker, was attended by about 20 members and friends of our group. We enjoyed good food, good conversation, and strolling through Karen's lovely gardens.

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Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Sometimes attributed to Eleanor Roosevelt